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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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RESERVE FUND.....2,100,000 Dollars.

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INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
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No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....£2,200,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£300,000.

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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOSTON, SAN FRANCISCO,
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The Hong Kong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COOCHINARD,
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Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 1/2 " "
" 12 " 5 % "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
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Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

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(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STEERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1,000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. NESSON ISAAC SILAS in our Firm in China and Hongkong CEASED on the 31st December, 1881.

E. D. SASOON & Co.
Hongkong, April 24, 1882. my9

NOTICE

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by MESSRS KYNOCH & Co., of WILTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13au82

NOTICE

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at THIS PORT.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Auctions.

NOTICE OF SALE.
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

TO BE SOLD on WEDNESDAY,
the 26th day of April, 1882, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, on the Premises,—
By Order of the Mortgagors under a Power of Sale reserved in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated 16th July, 1881,
ALL THAT PIECE OF PARCEL OF GROUND,

Registered in the Land Office as THE REMAINING PORTION OF SECTION A OF MARINE LOT No. 37, together with the Substantial and well-built Premises thereon, being Nos. 61, 62, 63 and 64, Praya West, held under a Crown Lease, dated the 13th day of April, 1866, for the term of 99 years, subject to the usual covenants and conditions in the said Crown Lease contained.

For Particulars of the Property and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Mortgagee's Solicitors,
SUPREME COURT HOUSE;
or, to the AUCTIONEER,
Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG,
47, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, April 19, 1882. ap26

PUBLIC AUCTION OF
ENGLISH and CHINESE MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
PIANO, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY,

the 27th April, 1882, at 2 p.m., at "Parce Villa," the Residence of J. S. BREWER, Esq.—The whole of his

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—
ENGLISH WALNUT-MADE CRETTONIE-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, BLACK WOOD MARBLE-TOP CENTRE TABLE, WHATNOTS, LACE CURTAINS, MIRRORS, CHIMOS, FENDER and IMONS, &c., &c.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, CHAIRS, GLASS, CROCKERY and PLATED WARE, &c., &c.

IRON BRIDESTEAD, MARBLE-TOP WASHING STAND, TOILET TABLE and GLASS, WARDROBES and CHEST of DRAWERS, RUGS, CAPETS, LADIES' SEDAN CHAIRS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on Wednesday, the 26th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, April 21, 1882. ap27

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$17 per 1 doz. Case.
Pints.....\$18 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

A. RAUTERT MAINZ DELICIOUS TABLE BEER.

4 doz. Case CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES.
\$10. " 2 Case.

Apply to SANDER & Co.
Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, TREFEAL's Export PALE ALE, and FINDLATER'S *** DUBLIN STOUT in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also, SILLERY MOUSSEAU (VIN DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases 2 dozen Pints and 1 dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

A. BOUT 2,000 lbs. MILLER & RICHARD'S Extra-hard Metal BOTTLE-ROTS TYPE, No. 19, (somewhat worn but in fairly good condition.)

Apply to OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, July 22, 1881.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

BRANDAUER'S CELEBRATED CIRCULAR POINTED PENS.—do not scratch the Paper, nor spurt the Ink.

CHUBB'S SAFES.—afford perfect protection against

Fire and Burglars.

PIANOS by BROADWOOD & COLLARD,

—are the favorite Instruments

in London.

DRAUGHT BEER by BASS.

BOTTLED BEER by FOSTER & SONS.

BORDEAUX WINES, bottled by ADET SEWARD & Co.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Are Special Agents for the Sale of the above.

Hongkong, April 12, 1882.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "NIIGATA MARU," FROM KORE AND NAGASAKI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignee's expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent,
Mitsui Bishi Mail S. Co.

Hongkong, April 24, 1882. my1

STEAMSHIP "OXUS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "Oxus" from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—
with the exception of Opium and Treasure—are being forwarded on board the "Oxus" and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notification is received from the Consignee before 3 p.m. to-day, the 24th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 1st May, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 24, 1882. my1

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG and SINGAPORE.

NOTICE.

THE S.S. "Galley of Lore" (Capt. BRANTHWAITE), having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the "Galley of Lore" will be once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to-day, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon to-morrow, the 20th Instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 29th Inst., or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, April 20, 1882. my6

UNION LINE.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
WILL REMOVE on 1st MAY,
to their
NEW AND EXTENSIVE
PREMISES,
No. 63, Queen's Road East
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER'S).

WHERE they have special facilities for
conducting their Town and Harbour
Business, and trust to merit a continuance
of Public Confidence and Support.

A FULL STOCK OF STORES,
WINEs, &c.,
ALWAYS ON HAND, INCLUDING:

YORK HAMS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
TEYSSONNEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.
SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.
COCOATINA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LIBERG & ERN'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTELY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENTIER.

SAUSAGES.

BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HEDWICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE

SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT, PONSARDIN,

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LA LAFITE, "

IRENE GRAVES,

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACCONI'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCONI'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUTOURGE & Co.'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LI WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

Co., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DAUGHT' ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

TOPCAN BUTTER.

Eastern and Californian CHEESE.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-POK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cutting's Dressed FRUITS in 2 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COME HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

Lunch TONGUE.

McCarty's Sugar LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2 lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA RACKER.

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb

tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BISCUITS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed

BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPHANDLERY of every Description.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Hongkong, April 15, 1882.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.
SIGNOR HOFLICH
Begs to inform the Public of Hongkong, that
THERE WILL BE
AN EXTRA PERFORMANCE,
THIS EVENING,

the 25th Instant,
FOR THE BENEFIT OF
SIGNOR ELENA PINELLI,
PRIMA DONNA ARSAGUTA,
When will be produced by general desire
CARLO PEDRETTI'S COMIC OPERA
"TUTTI IN MASCHERA,"

IN FOUR ACTS.

DRAMATIC PERSONAE.
Dr. Gregorio, Maestro
di Musica. Signor Corti.
Dorotea sua Moglie. Signora Silini.
Vittoria, Prima Donna. Signora Pinelli.
Emilio Cavaliere. Signor Vanuzzi.
Imprudente Abdala. Signor Cioce.
Pasta. Signor Paterno.
Masques, ARTISTS, CHORUS, &c.
Orchestra directed by Signor CATTANEO.

BETWEEN THE 3RD AND 4TH ACTS
SIGNOR PINELLI
will Sing the well-known CANAVINA from
DONIZETTI'S POPULAR OPERA "BELLY."

The Subscription List is now open at
Messrs KILLY & WALSH'S.
Hongkong, April 25, 1882. ap26

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF H. E. THE
ADMINISTRATOR.

SIGNOR HOFLICH
as originally intended, and craves the indulgence of the Public for a slight breach of faith, which circumstances render imperative.

"FAUST"
will be given on
SATURDAY EVENING,
the 29th Instant,
When will be produced
"Il Barbiere di Siviglia,"

GRAND OPERA BY ROSSINI,
in THREE ACTS.

Price of Admission:
Dress Circle, \$3; Stalls, \$2; Pit, \$1.
Tickets can be obtained at Messrs KILLY & WALSH's, and at the Doors on the Night of the Performance.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m.; Performance to commence at 9 p.m., sharp.
Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

A. HOFLICH.
Hongkong, April 24, 1882. ap29

Insurances.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).
Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company are
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual
Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. | PAID-UP, £200,000.
PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company are prepared
to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE
BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA for the
above Company are prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual
Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 3, 1881. 3my82

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at 2
per cent, premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £100,000.
Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000.
Annual Income £250,000.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

A. MCIVOR,
Superintendent.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1882. my9

Insurances.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company, are
prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE
at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned have received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 29th April, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Salons
Rooms, Pedder's Wharf,

A FINE COLLECTION OF
CHINA & JAPANESE WARE
comprising—

SATAMA, KYOTO, OSAKA and SATSUMA
VASES, PLATES, INCENSE BURNERS, ORNA-
MENTS, BRASS and SATSUMA ENAMELED
PLATES, VASES, JARS, &c., &c.

BRONZE INLAID CAB

from Hongkong, the hasty demonstration made by the Chinese at the banquet, and concludes with the sentence that the "European community were glad at his departure."

We hear that H. E. Governor Grace has at last decided to proceed to Tokio, there to take part in the conference for Treaty Revision. We understand that passages for himself, secretary and three attachés have been taken by the O. & O. steamer Ocean, which leaves this day week. Better late than never.

Lo Asau, carpenter, was brought up to-day at the Police Court, before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., sitting as Magistrate, charged with being in possession of newly-cut branches, yesterday, but was discharged owing to the absence of the complainant, one of the Government gardeners. An order was made by the Magistrate to notify this neglect of duty to Mr Ford.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending April 23rd.—

Europe.	Chinese.
Monday, 45	427
Tuesday, 32	605
Wednesday, 53	656
Thursday, 33	711
Friday, 28	432
Saturday, 46	472
Sunday, 27	50
Total, 237	3,393
Grand total, 3,940.	

We gladly call the attention of the community to the communication published elsewhere relative to the Sailors' Rest. The efforts made by Mr Bunker and his friends to alleviate absolute distress in a practical, sensible form deserve the heartiest sympathy and support; and until the Government has sufficient time to mature some distinct plan for checking the evil referred to, the charitably-disposed cannot do better than aid the Sailors' Shelter; while they may supplement such charity by giving to hungry sailors orders for a "square meal" in the Temperance Hall.

Wong Leong Tak, the old man who haunts the Supreme Court, was again up at the Police Court, charged with disorderly conduct in the Summary Jurisdiction Court yesterday evening; but was again discharged. Apparently nothing can be done by the authorities to remove him from the precincts of the Court, and prevent his creating a disturbance when he feels inclined to do so, and his eccentric and noisy behaviour will have to be born patiently by judge and lawyers until the authorities can devise some means to prevent his gaining admission to the High Courts of Hongkong.

The Chinaman who was apprehended as a dangerous lunatic near the Fire Brigade Station early on Saturday morning, and whose case was remanded to permit of the Colonial Surgeon making an examination of his condition, was this morning ordered to be sent to the Tung Wah Hospital. The case was remanded till the 29th inst.; but the Acting Superintendent of the Gaol applied to have it disposed of sooner, as he

stated that the man caused the officers of the Gaol great amount of anxiety and trouble, and required an officer to be constantly watching him.

A RATHER novel way of settling a quarrel has been adopted by a couple of young men in Warsaw. Having had a dispute it was arranged that they should play a set of three games at dominoes, upon the solemn understanding that the loser should swallow a dose of the deadliest poison procurable. The hideous compact was carried out. The game was played in a café, in presence of seconds. The younger of the two fellas, a lad of sixteen, named Stanislaus Julian, was the loser. He lifted the glass containing the fatal poison to his lips, and drank off its contents at a draught. Five minutes later he was a corpse.

The rumour which we mentioned yesterday to the effect that the Viceroy of Canton had been transferred to Chihli is confirmed by the Canton "Red Circular" of Sunday last. His Excellency has received his instructions by a telegram transmitted through the China Merchants' Company.

Li Hung-chang has got a month's leave to visit his aged mother. The Two Kuang provinces suffer a great loss in the removal of the present Viceroy, but no doubt the arrangement is to the advantage of the Empire generally. Li can scarcely be in immediate danger, or his brother-in-law would not have been made his successor. Tsing Kwo-chuan will probably come to Canton. In the meantime, Yü Kuan, the Governor, will hold the acting appointment.

In a recent number of the Peking Gazette a laughable incident is noted, although the affair is by no means treated in the Gazette with any levity of spirit. An individual rejoicing in the name of Wulahsch'ungah, President of the Censorate, returned thanks for the honour of having been invited to a sacrificial feast by His Majesty. What must have been the good man's horror when he said—“A Decree, Wulahsch'ungah has returned to us for an invitation to partake of a sacrificial feast. Wulahsch'ungah's name, however, does not appear on the list of guests approved of by Us, and in thus thanking Us, he has been guilty of a great piece of carelessness. Let him be committed to the Board for the determination of a penalty.” It looks as if it were as

dangerous to give thanks as to withhold them in China. This victim of misplaced confidence will no doubt make sure he has been invited before he returns thence again.

We would call the attention of the proper authorities to a state of things which has existed for almost a twelve months past in Queen's Road Central, and which constitutes an obstruction, and a danger to the traffic in this busy thoroughfare. We allude to the proposed project which support house No. 253. Why this building should have been allowed to remain in its present condition is more than we can conjecture; but one thing we do know, that it is a standing danger which ought at once to be removed in the interests of the public. The house is immediately opposite another in course of erection, and with the prop of the one and the barricade of the other, traffic is often reduced to a dead-lock, and much inconvenience is the result. Such a state of matters points to a carelessness and lethargy on the part of those whose duty it is to look after public interests in this respect which is anything but commendable.

The Dutch outrage is gradually developing into one of the most complicated and curious crimes of the century. Two actions are pending against Scotch newspapers for publishing certain statements against a person suspected by the police; and Philip, one of the men who was arrested and charged with the theft of the noble corps, has instituted proceedings against the London agent of the Earl, who had said that Philip was an accessory after the act. Seeing that mundane intelligence has failed to throw any light on the mysterious robbery, the aid of supernatural forces have been invoked, and a party of four spiritualists, two male and two female, have been at Duncleth endeavouring to summon spirits from the vasty deep. The chivoyants state that whilst in their trances they have seen the corps being stolen, and one or two of the subsequent movements. They have not as yet, however, ventured to say where the body is at present, and are, by no means likely to do so. In cases of this kind clairvoyants' reputations suffer least by dealing with the abstract, as particularising in dangerous to this occult science. The attempt to recover the body by this means is at the instigation of the Earl of Crawford, who is a dabbler in spiritualism.

THE BUILDING TRADE here, as we have more than once stated, is unusually brisk at the present time, and there seems to be trouble brewing on account of the unreasonable obstacles which are placed in the way of obtaining new labours by the various Guilds existing in the Colony. This is reported to be notably the case among the Stone-cutters; and we think that the authorities should make an effort, for the sake of the prosperity of the Island, to place these matters on a more satisfactory basis. The progress of certain works is now seriously impeded on account of threats made by the workmen against the importation of additional stone-cutters.

and the bringing in of this description of skilled labour is delayed on the ground that intimidation and violence will certainly be used towards the newcomers by those workers who now occupy the field.

This is a state of things which ought not to exist in a British Colony, and it appears strange that the authorities have not taken some steps to enlighten the head-men and their underlings as to the fact that all such unreasonable monopoly of labour is contrary to law. It may be that those more immediately concerned in building operations have not as yet called the attention of the Government to the defiant attitude assumed by the stone-cutters; but it seems to us that official action, when Chinese are concerned, should take the form of anticipating events in order to avoid any actual trouble.

HONG & CO.'S Weekly Shipping Report: Pagoda Anchorage, 15th April.—

Arrivals During the Week.—April 7, Chingtao, from Shanghai; 8, Marie Louise, from Shanghai; 8, Apin, from Shanghai; 11, Thales, from Hongkong; 12, Kelga, from Amoy; 14, Kwang Tung, from Hongkong.

Departure During the Week.—April 9, Fukien, for Hongkong; 11, Kang Chi, for Shanghai; 12, Oscar Vidal; for Shanghai; 12, Caroline, for Taku; 13, Apin, for Shanghai; 14, Thales, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Siberian, Chateaubriand, Batavia, Chingtao, Marie Louise, Kielga, Kwang Tung.

THE JAPAN HERALD commenting on the approaching tea season remarks—Already two or three masters of "Garden raised Teas" have made their appearance on this market, being fully a fortnight earlier than we can recollect in former seasons, and though they afford little or no criterion of what the actual result of coming first crop Teas may be, yet from their early appearance it seems possible that the O. & O. S. S. Arabic, having despatch from this about 25th inst., may take over some 200 to 300 half-sheets new crop Tea. It is to be hoped that we shall not see a repetition of last year's absurdities, when about one picul and a half of New Crop leaf was sold to various foreign buyers at prices ranging at an average rate of \$150 to \$200 per picul. The amount at stake is not much, but the prices obtained are reported in the native newspapers, which circulate up country, and thus the producers are encouraged to hold out for high rates at the opening of the season, and it renders it difficult for the foreign buyers here to obtain Teas at anything like rates approximating to the state of the U. S. Tea Markets. As a consequence of last year's prices we see from a translation in the Japan Mail yesterday,

that the natives estimate the value of their first musters this year at \$300 per picul! I meems pretty certain that this season the Tea Crop will be more carefully prepared than has been the case for the last four or five years. The attention of native Tea merchants has been at last aroused to the fact that the popularity of Japan Teas is waning in America, and they have circulated two letters of advice, translations of which have appeared in our columns, to the produce up country, in the hope of being able to ensure a more careful preparation of the unripe leaf.

THE French Agent who went to Bangkok lately for the purpose of obtaining a concession from the Siamese Government for the cutting of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Kra, has left, it is reported, without having succeeded in his negotiations. Another proposal put forward by this Agent was one, we hear, for the alienation by the Siamese Government to the Canal Company of a considerable tract of territory on either side of the proposed canal. This, it may be easily imagined, is a condition which, however tempting may be the other articles of the agreement, the Siamese Government is not yet prepared to grant to any foreign company except with the greatest reluctance, more especially so in the case of a company which would presumably be French. It may be doubted whether this projected company was receiving any active support from the French Government at home, though probably the French Government would very gladly see the scheme pushed through. The Siamese Government should see however no cause to beware of French ambition, as the liberal manner in which the French have helped themselves to territory on the Eastern frontier of Siam cannot be but still fresh in memory. The Singapore community is apparently rather disturbed by the canal project, and certainly with good reason. For although Singapore must of course still remain a great port, yet the opening of such a canal, by depriving her of the benefits she at present reaps from the through trade between China and the countries lying west of the Straits, must seriously affect her business. When this time, however, comes for the making this canal; as it doubtless some day must, Singapore can hardly in reason expect that her own narrow interests can be suffered to override others so far more universal and important. The recent attempt to obtain a concession is most likely only part of the great scheme for opening up French Cochinchina; it now remains to be seen what will be the effect on the undertaking of the fall of the Cambodians. Government and the installation of a less ambitious administration, coupled with the recent collapse of speculation in Paris.—*Pioneer.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SAILORS' SHELTER.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

26th April.

Sir.—Trusting that the subject is still one of general interest to the community, I beg to submit, through your columns, my Report on, and Account of Funds of The Sailors' Shelter, 31st March 1882, from which it will be seen that much good has been done for a slight expenditure.

By the suggestion of many friends of the benevolent and destitute, I was induced last December to appeal to the public for pecuniary assistance in this good work, and sent out a circular for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions and donations towards the purpose; this was favourably received, and I soon had a sufficient quantity of funds to go on with.

Sixty-three different persons have taken advantage of the Shelter, more than forty of whom obtained employment and left the Colony within a fortnight after their arrival. The average number for the past four months has been nine.

There are now in the Colony at least six really useless characters—professional hangers-on—leifers, in fact. Every one of these men is known to the police and law officials: they live on from day to day, nobody knows how, miserable and degraded to the last degree—walking communards, for on cannot guess how they came; whether they go at night, or where or what they eat by day—much less the condition of their minds. These are not to be touched by advice or entreaty—and coin or clothing is only wasted on them, for they sacrifice all gift and possessions at the shrine of Intemperance—and on the whole prefer residence in the gao to any other sort of life.

But the Shelter is not for this class; it is for the benefit of men who are willing to keep steady and work for a place, and take it when it offers; to such the rude accommodation of a free night's rest, and a wash in the morning is a boon and a help out of their difficulty; and until a law is passed precluding the possibility of destitute men being put ashore here, the Shelter will be needed to prevent those who do arrive from falling into the habits of beach-combers.

I would ask the kind members of the community, as you have often asked them, not to spoil a good work, and encourage a lot of idle blackguards, by indiscriminately giving to any and everybody who comes to the shelter, a pittance of misery and want, even though the effluvia of bad liquor fill the air while they tell it. Benevolence is lost upon such, and their conduct helps to give a bad character to any possibly worthy, but unemployed seaman who neither begs nor loafs.

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Mr Wong Un, opium dealer, residing on the first floor of No. 194 Queen's Road West, was charged with being in possession of prepared opium without having a permit from the Opium Farmer, on the 25th inst.

Mr Stokes, from the office of Messrs Sharp, Toller, and Johnson, appeared for the prosecution.

Sergeant Campbell went to the defendant's house, first floor of No. 80, Wellington Street, early this morning, and, after searching the premises, found 19 packages of raw opium, four ticals of prepared opium, and four ticals of opium dross, as well as a quantity of articles used in the preparation of opium. The defendant stated to the Sergeant at the time of the arrest that he only boiled small quantities, for his own use presumably, but the Sergeant's opinion was that the apparatus was far too extensive to admit of that explanation holding good. One previous conviction for the same offence was recorded against the defendant.

The defendant alleged that his wife was boiling opium last night, and, hearing the police coming, got frightened because he had been fined before. The opium was in a liquid state, and when prepared would only have been two or three mace. He admitted the previous conviction.

One of the partners in the Opium Farm expressed himself as dissatisfied with the explanation given by the defendant, and said that the opium water produced was in excess of what would be required to produce samples. He was aware that it was a offence to boil opium without a certificate.

A fine of \$100 was imposed, in default of paying six weeks' imprisonment. The raw and prepared opium, and opium utensils, we understand, of the value of \$300, were forfeited.

Li Fong Un, opium dealer, residing on the first floor of No. 194 Queen's Road West, was charged with being in possession of prepared opium without a permit.

Sergeant Forbes entered the house yesterday evening and found six ticals of prepared opium, and 200 ticals of a mixture of prepared opium and opium dross, value \$40, and for which the defendant had no certificate. He was fined \$200 in October last for a similar offence.

The defendant said that he bought the prepared opium for his own use.

Mr Stokes declined to admit the excuse and pleaded for a conviction for boiling without a permit, and having possession of prepared opium without a certificate.

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Fined \$300, in default of payment two months' imprisonment.

The following is an account of money received and expended from 10th December 1881, to 31st March 1882.

Receipts.

RECEIPTS received from Messrs

Woodhouse, Northcote, Gau-

ther, Jackson, Thurburn, and

Union Church Communion

Fund, \$112.00

RECEIPTS.

Rent of 5 Hing Heen Lane, \$8 65.33

European washman, 14 weeks @

\$3 per week, 42.00

Foragers, lamp and oil, 30.80

Kerosene oil, 7.00

Stationery, 4.84

Soap, matches and washing, 5.43

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A few short notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which "On Chinese Oaths in Western Burma and Java" might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—*H. K. Daily Press*.

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